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Senator Hammerstrom Continues to Show Support for Merit Scholarship

Bumper stickers available to parents of recipients

June 11, 2003-In an effort to encourage parents to promote their children's outstanding performances in MEAP testing, Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) is offering free bumper stickers to anyone whose child has received a Michigan Merit Award Scholarship, or is qualified to receive the award based on their MEAP scores.

The bumper stickers, which are not paid for at taxpayers' expense, boast "Proud Parent of a Merit Scholar." Hammerstrom, along with her Senate Republican colleagues are working hard to assure the public that they support keeping the Merit Award at its full amount, despite Governor Granholm's proposal to slash it.

"I am very much in support of keeping the Merit Award program fully funded," said Hammerstrom. "We made a commitment to the children of this state to reward them for doing well on the MEAP tests, and I intend to fight to keep that commitment. This is a great way for parents to show support for their children and the program."

Anyone interested in receiving a bumper sticker can contact Hammerstrom's office, toll-free, at 1-888-477-8238 or by email at SenBHammerstrom@senate.michigan.gov.